

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 12. (Amended) A method of controlling average particle size of microspheres containing an agent [containing microspheres] in a solvent extraction process, comprising

- adjusting a viscosity of an oil to a value that corresponds to a predetermined average particle size of microspheres to control said size of said microspheres;
- adding said oil to a biodegradable poly(DL-lactide-co-glycolide) polymer – stabilizer agent solution emulsion;
- centrifuging the emulsion;
- and removing said microspheres of said predetermined average particle size.

agent.

Please cancel claims 13-15.